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**A PERSONAL NOTE:** If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else...Many thanks for all the holiday cards.

**SECOND REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY:** Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The First Supplement to the 2nd Revised Ultimate History is now available for \$6.50 including P&H. Also the 5th supplement to the Necrology is available for \$1.00

The 2001 “2nd Revised Ultimate History” with the first supplement is now available. The cost is \$51 plus \$4.

**CONVENTION 2003:** Dates are Oct 23 – 26, 2003 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Our planning meeting is Feb. 2nd.

**CONVENTION 2002:** 2002 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. 2002 pens are available for \$1.00 including P&H. 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Past Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. Email: berney@fred.net

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Nov - Dec; article about doctor and lawyer radio shows...**Radio Recall**, Dec; articles about the Whistler; Candy Matson...**Return With Us Now**, Dec; article about The Cinnamon Bear...Jan; article about Richard Diamond...**Jot 'em Down Store**, Dec; For the “Lum and Abner” fan...**National Audio Theater News**, Summer/fall; article about remote recording...**Nostalgia Digest**; Feb – Mar; articles about Gene Autry; Wire Recording; Dennis Day; Groucho Marx; Rudy Vallee...**Radiogram**; Jan; articles about Parley Baer; the right sound for commercials; 21st Precinct - a complete log is found here;

**BOOKS:** (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. Greenwood Publishing Group (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571..**The Encyclopedia of 20th-Century American Television**; by Ron Lackmann; Facts on File (1-800-322-8755) 2003; oversized book; \$22.00; Synopsis of hundreds of shows; biographies of performers, broadcasters; list of specials; bibliography; 130 photos... **Words at War** by Howard Blue (World war II Era Radio Drama and the Postwar Broadcasting Industry Blacklist; Scarecrow Press (1-800-462-6420); 2002; 400 pages; \$35.00; photographs in center of book; This book must be read. It shows how radio fought against Fascism abroad and injustice at home. It also devotes time to the blacklisting of these idealistic people who put their words on the air...**It's That Time Again; The New Stories of Old-time Radio** edited by Ben Ohmart; \$17 including P&H; Send to Ben Ohmart, Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827. This is a book that has long been awaited: it is a

collection of "NEW" stories of OTR shows written by fans, many of which you will recognize from conventions, books they have written and the OTR digest. Some of the programs used in writing "NEW" stories are: Our Miss Brooks; Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar; Captain Midnight; Inner Sanctum. As you read the stories, you will HEAR many familiar characters. I recommend it...**The Coon-Sanders Nighthawks; The Band That Made Radio Famous;** by Fred Edmiston; McFarland; 1-800-253-2187; 1-336-246-4460 <www.mcfarlandpub.com>; \$65; 384 pages; This is a thorough history of the band from 1919 through 1932.

### CONVENTIONS:

**The 39 Forever Celebration (hosted by Int. Jack Benny Soc),** Feb 14 - 16, Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. For information contact Laura Leff; email <jackbenny@aol.com>

**17th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention,** April 11 - 12, 2003; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333.<haradio@hotmail.com>

**15TH RADIO CLASSICS LIVE!** May 3-4, 2003 Massasoit Community College - Buckley Center, Brockton, MA; Contact: Buckley Center Box Office, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508) 427-1234. Web Site: [www.radioclassicslive.org](http://www.radioclassicslive.org)

**National Audio Theater Festival,** June 14 - 20, 2003, Southwest Missouri State University., West Plains, MO; For information call Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 483-8321 <Suemedia1@aol.com> or visit their web site <[www.natf.org](http://www.natf.org)>. **They also have a script contest.**

**28th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival,** Aug 25 - 31, 2003 at Harison County Fairgrounds in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 <bobeverhart@yahoo.com>.

**28th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention,** Oct 23 - 26 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/fotr/> (all lower case)

**THE INTERNET:** Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

**WEB SITES:** Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <[www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/](http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/)>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org>...**Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...**The OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> ...**Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglasosmonek>>...new email is <douglasosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>...**The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by [www.mwotrc.com](http://www.mwotrc.com) or [www.readiorecall.com](http://www.readiorecall.com)...

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first):** **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com>...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <[www.beqbooks.com](http://www.beqbooks.com)>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 3107, Wallingford, CT 06492 (1-800-833-4248)...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library**

(Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229  
 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931  
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 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...**Satellite Video Production** (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793  
 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127  
 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Audio Classic Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844  
 <audio-classic.com>...**Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512  
 <edcarr@enter.net>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618  
 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>... **Max Schmid**, 46-07 28th Ave. Floor 2, Astoria, NY 11103  
 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com>

**All listings below list sampling of shows. Vintage Broadcasts; many Christmas programs...Ed Carr** with the help of Henry Hinkel and Ron Tilton have located some NEW shows including: The Bishop and The Gargoyle (7/14/46); Dr. I.Q. (7/17/39)...**Great American Radio**; Broadway is My Beat; Maisie; Life with Luigi; Gunsmoke

**LOGS:** Charles Holmes put a **Whistler Log** on the internet.  
 <<http://www.pe.net/~movak/whistler.html>>. If you want a paper copy, I will send you one for \$5.00. It is a chronological listing by title. Only the title is listed.

**NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES:** **William Hufford**, 135 Rosedale Ct., Bloomingdale, IL 60108...**Ron Curtis**, 2516 Elwood Dr., Edmond, OK 73013...**Les Waffin**, 506 Saddle Ridge Ln., Rockville, MD 20850...**Randy Larson**, 18673 Golfview Dr., Hazel Crest, IL 60429

**OLD FRIENDS:** **Bob Reynolds** wants to know of an MP3 player with internal speakers such as found in a clock radio CD player. <boblol@alltel.net>...

**IN FOND MEMORY:** **Bob Steele**, Dec 6, 91; WTIC, Hartford radio personality since 1936. Bob received a special award from FOTR. I presented it to him on his morning show many years ago...**Dolly Dawn**, Feb 11, 86; singer on radio quite a bit; Dolly was a guest at one of our FOTR Conventions...**Charles Isaacs**, Dec. 12, 88; writer on radio and television (Al Pearce, Texaco Star Theater, Martin and Lewis)...**Bob Maxwell**, Dec 24, 78; Radio and Films; Lone Ranger...**Richard Simmons**; Jan 11, 89; Radio actor; Sgt. Preston of the Yukon...**Richard Crenna**, Jan 18, 76; Although he corresponded with me, he was never able to attend our convention; a great radio actor who successfully made the transition to TV and the Movies...**Frank (Hylo) Brown**; Jan 17, 80; Bluegrass singer (Grand Ole Opry)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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# *39 Forever*

## *A Celebration of the Life and Comedy of Jack Benny*

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39 Forever is a once in a lifetime event for fans of the master of comedic timing. Presented by the International Jack Benny Fan Club and the National Comedy Hall of Fame.

**Friday, February 14, 7:00 to 10:00 PM – Opening gala and birthday party** **\$30 per person**  
Sheraton Gateway Hotel at Los Angeles Airport, 6101 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA

Opening night gala featuring **Eddie Carroll**, the world's foremost Jack Benny impressionist. Plus a recreation by the "Not Ready for Sunday at Seven Players" of the program where Jack turns 40...or does he? **Noel Blanc**, son of legendary voice artist Mel Blanc, will reprise his father's role.

**Saturday, February 15, 8:00AM to 4:30PM – The Jack Benny Marathon** **\$50 per person**  
Sheraton Gateway Hotel at Los Angeles Airport, 6101 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA

- **The Benny family** – Joan Benny and son **Michael Rudolph**
- **Jack's coworkers** – manager **Irving Fein**, writer **Al Gordon**, actress **Beverly Washburn**, and actress **Kay Linaker** (Buck Benny Rides Again)
- **Jack's musical associates** – **Gisele MacKenzie**, Sportsmen Quartet member **Jay Meyer**, **Norma** (Mrs. Larry) **Stevens**, singer/actor **Robert Clary**, and singer **Brian Gari** (Eddie Cantor's grandson)
- **Jack's impact on comedy** – BBC Comedienne **Emma Kennedy** and other industry professionals talk about Jack Benny's impact on the industry, moderated by author and radio host **Michael Levine**
- **Jackpardy!** – A team trivia challenge
- Screening of Jack Benny television performances
- Recreation of the winner of the 39 Forever script writing contest
- Jack Benny memorabilia and collectables

**Saturday, February 15, 6:30PM to 10:30PM – Friars Club Celebrity Banquet** **\$100 per person**  
Friars Club, 9900 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA

A star-studded evening of food, music, and comedy devoted to the legacy of Jack Benny.

- Music provided by the fabulous **Ink Spots** and the Manny Harmon Trio
- The evening will be capped by the formal induction of Jack into the National Comedy Hall of Fame, with **Sid Caesar** presenting the award to Joan Benny and the family.

**Sunday, February 16, All Day – Down Memory Lane**  
Various locations

Self-guided Benny tours, memorial service at Hillside Cemetery, and rare Benny shows and specials at the Museum of Television and Radio.

Sign up online at [www.jackbenny.org](http://www.jackbenny.org), or send check payable to IJBFC to: IJBFC, P.O. Box 11288, Piedmont, CA 94611

**Please insure that mailed payments can be received before February 7, 2003.**

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Arch Oboler Programs including A O Plays,		Front and Center	.50
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Black Chapel, The	.50	Greatest Story Ever Told	3.00
Broadway Is My Beat	1.00	Great Moments in Music	3.50
Cabin B - 13	1.50	Great Scenes From Great Plays	.50
Case Dismissed and Famous Trials	.50	Green Lama, The	.50
Casey, Crime Photographer	7.00	Guest Star (#1 - 510) Most	5.00
Cavalcade of America	10.00	Hallmark Playhouse/Hall of Fame	3.50
Celebrity Club	1.00	Harvest of Stars, The	3.00
Charlie Wild	1.00	Have Gun, Will Travel	.50
Chicago Theater of the Air	4.00	Helen Hayes (Textron Theater)	.50
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Railroad Hour	1.00	World We Live In, The	.50
Request Performance	.50	You and Your Security	.50
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Road Ahead, The	.50		
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Gelatin Hour: Dramas performed:			
1932 - 39	3.00		